



## **HOUSTON FIRE DEPARTMENT PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICE MEDIA ALERT**

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### **HFD To Re-Canvass Area of 2007 Fatal Fire**

**WHAT:** Houston Fire Department Liaisons will be re-canvassing the area of the a 2007 fire fatality talking to the residents about fire safety.

**WHEN:** TODAY, January 23, 2008 at 1p.m.

**WHERE:** Firefighters will meet at Fire Station 40 ( 5830 Old Spanish Trail) and then canvass the neighborhood.

**DETAILS:** When it comes to smoke alarms, silence can be deadly. National and local statistics reflect this deadly silence with more than 50 percent of all residential fatal fires not having a working smoke alarm.

HFD Firefighters will re-canvass this area of a March 2007 fatal fire where a 30 year old woman died. The southeast area of the City has continued to be the most deadly when it comes to fatal residential fires. In 2007, 44 percent of the fatal fires in Houston were located in the southeast area.

HFD liaisons will be going door-to-door talking with residents in the community about fire safety. They will also be distributing and installing free smoke detectors into the homes of those residents who need them.